

primary and secondary diagnoses. From this, the Health Research Board (HRB) then produces a very comprehensive and worthwhile report which is available electronically at www.hrb.ie, but this report only accounts for the primary (main) diagnosis and hence co-morbidity of substance misuse, which is often a secondary diagnosis in psychiatric patients, may be missed.

We suggest that, if the HRB could evaluate information on the co-morbidity of substance misuse from the psychiatric inpatients database (NPIRS) we could then clearly identify the above prevalence nationwide in Ireland. This would then not only provide an evidence base in which to underline future services in inpatient units but also to advance the aftercare for those service users in the community.

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Adult deficit hyperactivity disorder and other diagnosis

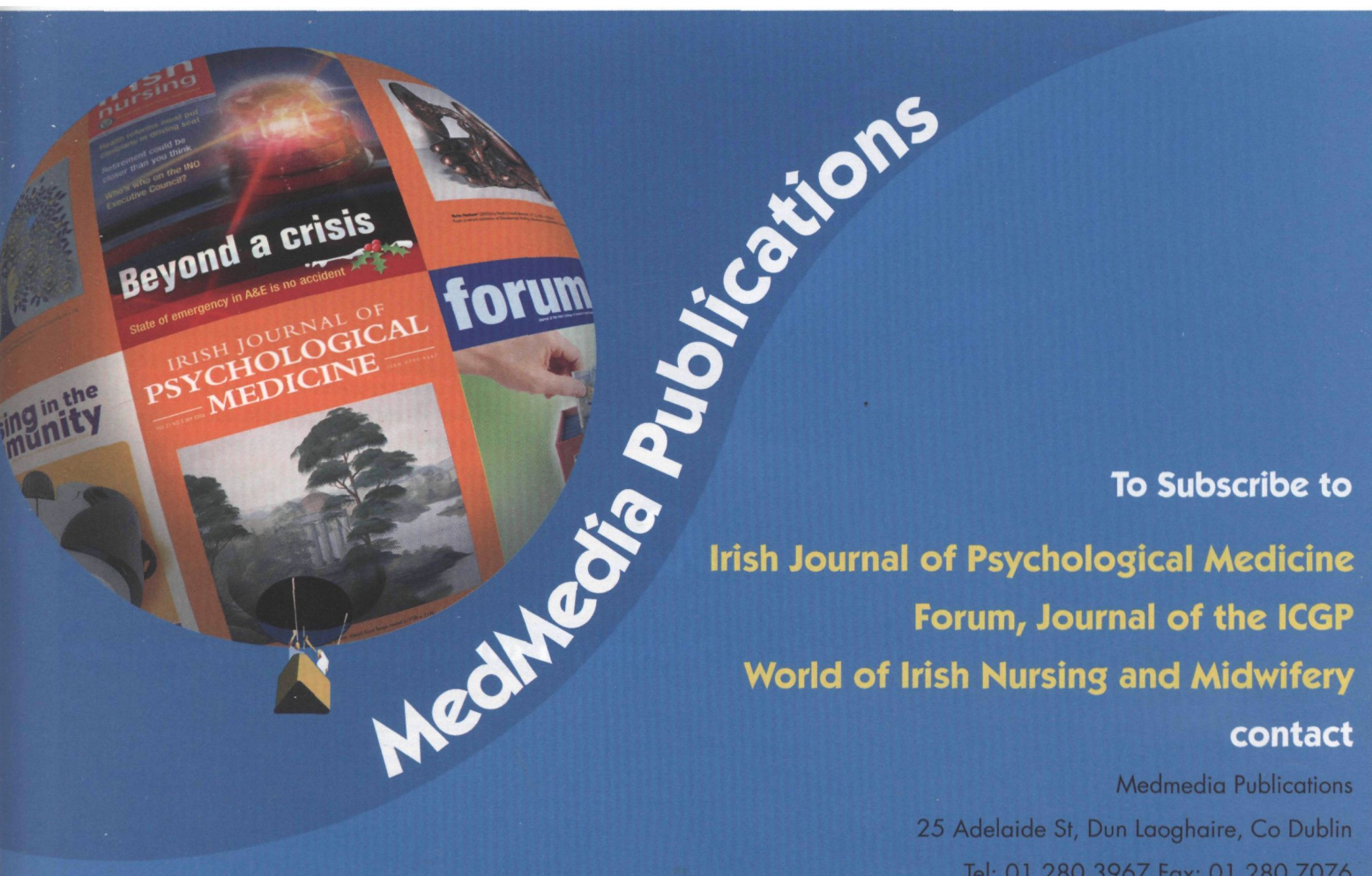
Dear Editor – It is important to look for unrecognised adult attention deficit hyperactivity disorder in patients with borderline personality disorder, cluster B personality disorders, and in patients with binge eating problems because of the impulsive elements which occur both in ADHD and in binge eating.

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